

BAPTIZED IN BLOOD.

A Terrible Disaster and Loss of Life on the Big Brooklyn Bridge.

A Score of People Crushed to Death—A Hundred Wounded.

Women and Helpless Children Trampled Under Foot—The Dead and Dying.

Frightful Scenes—A Sickening Tale From Several Eye Witnesses.

Special Dispatch.

NEW YORK, May 30.—A fearful catastrophe occurred on the East river bridge this afternoon by which a large number of people lost their lives. The narrowness of the footway for the passengers is the cause of the horror. The majority of the dead are so far unidentified. At about 4 o'clock a long line of people on foot in the center walk of the structure going from and coming to this city, thickened, swelled, and stopped in its motion just at the stairs leading up from the concrete roadway to the bridge proper. Strong men and feeble women, manhood and infancy were wedged together in that jam by the fearful pressure of a crowd which extended miles, one might say, on either end of the line. It was a remorseless, fearful, stupid force that held its victims as immovable as the stone foundations of the bridge itself. The stoppage lasted nearly an hour, during which time scores of people fainted. To relieve the jam the bridge officials removed some of the iron railings a few feet from the stairway on the New York side, when, of course, those unfortunate enough to be at the opening, weak and fainting at the death as they were, at once fell helter skelter, heels over head down on the jagged gravelly road beneath, a mass of bruised, discolored human flesh. Scores were trampled upon instantly, and to stumble was death. Men were dragged out of the heap of helpless humanity with faces blue and indigo and the life blood trickling out of their nostrils; children and women pale, disheveled, and dead. The roadway on either side of the walk was strewn with dead and dying—a pitiable sight—and yet, it is said, the police officers and bridge officials to stop people coming on the bridge. Dead and dying were carried off in wagons, carts, etc., improvised on the moment for the service, and it was a long time before the police arrived and an ambulance man. Meanwhile teams were rushing both ways at full gallop over the roadway—why, no one could tell—threatening the limbs and lives of those on foot. The unfortunate victims of the bridge were lying in a mass of blood and brains, some on the roadway, some on the sidewalk, some in the water. The police officers were shouting themselves hoarse. "Clear the way!" Wagons rattling over the rough stones, men and women crying in all directions, made it a bedlam indeed. A party of men in uniform rendered service as volunteer police to check the vulgar and curious. At the Chamber's street hospital are lying thirteen dead—six unknown men and six unknown women, and George Smith, of 42 W. 130th street. The officers were making frantic queries for missing friends, and with hysterical women. The following are among the dead: Wilhelm Loe, No. 190 Monroe street; two unknown women; Mrs. C. Vogel, No. 32 W. 130th street; Minnie Smith, No. 315 Houston street; Ellen Ragan, No. 82 Houston street; unknown boy and girl; Mattie A. Styles, No. 257 Grove street, Jersey City.

The following is a partial list of the wounded: Frank Barrett, No. 19 Mott street, legs and left arm broken. He is a little boy, No. 619 East Sixth street, leg broken and body injured internally; Andrew Dougherty, 10 years old, of No. 152 Broadway, head and back broken; Charles Eberwein, No. 334 East Fifty-fourth street, leg crushed; J. M. Eberwein, mulatto, No. 7 Manhattem place, Brooklyn; Barbary Ottinger, a young lady, chest injured and right eye badly crushed; No. 445 East Sixth street; Thomas Reardon, 13 years old, injured about head; Bernhard Reichers, cigar maker, severely injured; Minnie Schmidt, Mrs. Seering, slightly injured in the chest; Lizette Tierney, 15 years, of Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, injured about body; Lester Regue, severely injured; John Keller, of West Farms, missing; Annie Goldstein, head badly injured; Sarah Gaestener, a young girl, No. 37 Suffolk street, bruised on head, arms and legs; Albert Bohn, No. 130 Division street, last seen falling over her baby; baby found, but mother missing. In the city hall police station the scene was simply terrible. Wounded men, some with torn clothing and bleeding faces, and all around the forms of the wounded, most of them unconscious lying beside the walls. Every now and then a fainter wailing cry would be heard, or a woman would be seen running inquiring for some one, but there were none to answer her, for the revival of the insensible occupied all thoughts. Then the jangle of the ambulance bells added to the confusion, as wagon after wagon tore up to the door, and the surgeons descended by a perfect stream of unconscious forms was borne into the station on stretchers, as the ambulances were filled and driven away.

"I was walking along the bridge toward the New York entrance," said a man who held a young girl, who was crying bitterly by the hand, "when I heard shouting and screaming suddenly arise in front of me. Then I saw hats, sticks, and hands stretched aloft, and with one green the whole dense mass surged and swayed toward the gates. I suppose the people thought the bridge was coming down; anyway, they fought, screamed, and yelled like demons. The children and women were knocked down and trampled on, and I was borne irresistibly out of the entrance. Then I found this little girl, who had lost friends, and here we are—safe, thank God." "I went on the bridge," said Mr. Charles Bright, of No. Third street, Brooklyn, "at about 4 o'clock, and as I was approaching the river again I found myself unable to move either backward or forward. The women and children commenced screaming. Hundreds of men climbed with great difficulty onto the beams running over the railroads, and made their way to the carriage way. Many left themselves down through the beams and were caught by those beneath. A number of women also escaped in this way. I certainly have no idea what caused the terrible tragedy, as various accounts have reached me from four distinct sources. I hear, however, that the panic was brought about by a gang of pickpockets. The New York policemen had started us to-day that thieves and bunco men were operating on the bridge; but as none were identified, of course we could do nothing. As soon as I heard of the crash I ordered the roadways to be thrown open. People are going across that way now." For

Heeman John Walsh, who was seen near the New York approach, said: "The accident was owing solely to the refusal of the people who were walking in the pathway to observe the rule that each person should keep to the right. Those coming from Brooklyn refused to give way to those who were going from New York. There were a great many children in the crowd. Mothers held their little ones aloft in a frantic endeavor to keep them from being trampled. Mr. O'Flaherty, of No. 225 East Twenty-eighth street, an eye witness to the scene, gave the following: I started to cross to Brooklyn about a quarter to 3 o'clock. As I entered on the bridge, I noticed a large number passing over, but apparently in good order, those from New York keeping to the right side. To reach the promenade from the lower level there is a flight of light wooden steps in half fifteen to twenty feet, and the people were piling up on these. I found the crowd much denser, with occasional halts in the progress. About half way between the beginning of the raised platform and the New York City entrance, the crowd was broken up by a man who was pushing and joking over the great crowd that was present. In a few moments a policeman came running down on the top of the partition between the main cables, and said, 'Go back! You can't get over to Brooklyn!' Just as he spoke there was considerable pressure in the direction of New York, apparently produced by the orders of the police stationed further on the bridge. At once, on all sides, came a rush from women and children who composed a large part of the crowd. Women called to the men near them in piteous terms for aid. Herculean efforts were made by the men to help the women and children, but so great was the pressure that it was impossible they could save themselves from being crushed. Fathers and mothers held their children aloft, so as to save them, if possible, from being crushed to death.

On all sides were the pale faces of half fainting women and the troubled faces of men apprehensive of terrible consequences that might ensue at any moment. Slowly the great crowd crushed toward the New York side. Now and then some bold youth would climb over the partition to the railway beneath and endeavor to restrain the crowd by waving them back. The crowd moved slowly toward the stairs descending to the lower level. Some stumbled and fell, others were driven straight to their home when they reached Chatham street instead of the city hall station. Of these the police have no account.

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